

## AUTO BUCCANEER IN STORY TELLS OF AN AMBITION

Aspired to Become the "King Pin" of Criminals and Adopted System in Work.

### HE PLANNED GREAT VICTORIES

Love of the Game Inspired But He Played Too Long, Lost and Must Now Settle.

James A. Perry, who terrorized Chicago as leader of the automobile bandits, is a new type in criminology. He is as far removed from a "Bill of Sykes" as the automobile is from the stage coach. He is ahead of fiction in that his counterpart has yet to appear in the pages of novel or detective romance. He is a psychologist and analyst of crime under present conditions in modern cities, as "speed" is the keynote of his campaigns.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Today James Perry gave out the following story as his reasons for his desperate work as an auto bandit.

"My life ambition was to become known as the kingpin in the criminal world. With this idea in mind I started in November on little jobs and planned to work into bigger things.

"I picked Chicago as the starting place for my career because I believed it to be the easiest place in the country for automobile bandit work. In the first place, Chicago has not enough policemen to guard her immense territory. Chicago is much bigger in area than New York and yet there are less than half as many policemen. Secondly, Chicago is the best laid out town in the world for criminal operations. It is not on an island like New York, narrowed like a seacoast town or hilly like San Francisco. It is flat, and escape is open North, South and West.

"Early in November I had my whole plan worked out. I decided that I needed at least three companions and set about to choose them. I mingled with young fellows, studied them, tested them and finally chose my companions. I decided that modern methods were the surest way to win and so chose the automobile. Speed is the fundamental principle in this game and in all my operations speed and disregard for supposed police interference brought success.

**Studied Avenues of Escape.**  
"In every job I studied conditions and had every avenue of escape mapped out in advance. For instance, in the Lannes robbery at Thirty-sixth and Halsted streets. I was riding south in a Halsted street car watching every jewelry store, picking out the best opportunity. When I saw Lannes' place I jumped off. There was the alley beside the store, the vacant lot in the rear, and finally the crowded street full of people in front, ready to bungle things in their bewildered efforts at a capture. I waited twenty minutes, threw the brick into the window and was gone before any of the hundreds of people around knew what had happened. It was the speed that did it.

"I often planned to get after the bigger places. That was to be later, though, after I had more experience. One place in particular I thought of. During Christmas week I stood in front of Lewy Brothers Company's place at State and Adams streets and studied the prospects for an hour. Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of diamonds were in the window. Hundreds, thousands of people were in the street. Everything was so congested that an auto couldn't be used. I thought about a job on foot. I figured, though, that there were so many people around that I could not get through the crowds without having the jewelry knocked out of my hands. I think I could have made an escape all right, but there would

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## YOUNG TURKS WILL RESUME BALKAN WAR

Revolutionists in Complete Control of Government to Renew the Conflict.

### RUSSIA DEMANDS MEDIATION

By Powers to Prevent Renewal; All Hope for Peace Now Abandoned.

London, Jan. 25.—While the fleets of the powers are rushing at full speed toward Constantinople, the new young Turks' ministry tonight pledged an immediate resumption of the Balkan war.

With the revolutionists in full control of the government, the Ottoman peace delegates here have been recalled.

During the armistice the Turks have massed 300,000 new soldiers along the Tchausha defenses and these are ready to take the field immediately.

Mahmoud Shevket Pasha, who has been acclaimed Grand Vizier by the Young Turk Committee of Union and Progress, has issued a proclamation addressed to the people of the empire, in which he demanded that "the political differences be forgotten until the national honor of Turkey can be saved from further dishonor at the hands of a foreign foe."

Rifta Bey has been appointed Minister of Finance and Mukhtar Bey has been temporarily named Foreign Minister. The Grand Vizier will act as Minister of War and the portfolio of Minister of Marine has been given to Tschurukula Mahmud.

In an effort to prevent a renewal of the conflict, the Russian government has made representations to the powers of Europe demanding immediate intervention.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Fears for the safety of Americans in Turkey were put at rest today by the receipt at the State Department of a report from Ambassador Rockhill saying that all Americans were safe and that there is no apparent hostility to them.

**Shake Government to Foundation.**  
The sensational developments of the past twenty-four hours have shaken the Turkish government to its foundations and Sultan Mohammed V. is left with a group of hostile advisers, whose policies are opposite to his own. The Sultan wants peace. The radical Young Turks who have seized the government want war.

Some diplomats went so far as to predict that it might be necessary for the great powers of Europe to intervene in Turkey if the revolutionary movement spreads further.

The chance still remains for cool heads to secure control through political strategy, and if this occurs the action of the Grand Council in voting for peace may eventually be upheld.

Nazim Pasha was known not to be in sympathy with the strong movement in favor of resuming the war. Only recently he stated in an interview that the Turkish army was in no condition to resume the fight.

## ULLIN RESIDENT KILLED BY TRAIN

W. L. Johnson Struck When Crossing Track and Later Dies From Injuries.

As the result of being struck by an Illinois Central train Saturday morning about 6 o'clock W. L. Johnson, a prominent resident died shortly afterwards of his injuries.

## GEN. SICKLES TO BE HELD FOR MONEY SHORTAGE

Aged Commissioner Must Account for Misappropriation of Funds.

### THE DEFICIT IS ABOUT \$23,000.

State Received \$5,000 in July Last But No Further Payment Since Then.

New York, Jan. 25.—Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, shut up amid the relics of his home tonight is momentarily expecting arrest in connection with a suit brought by the state authorities to recover \$23,000 which have been unaccounted for by the general as chairman of the New York monument commission. The document ordering the arrest of the veteran was drawn up today, but it is hardly probable that it will be served until Monday.

Unless Sickles is prepared to furnish a bond of \$30,000 he will have to go to jail until the bond is forthcoming, and there was no inkling tonight of bondsmen ready to stand behind the aged man.

General Sickles has refused to see all callers or to comment upon the charge brought against him. His aged negro servant meets all callers at the door with a refusal to allow anyone to enter.

Mrs. Sickles who recently pawned her jewels to save her husband's relics will not come to his aid in the present crisis. She said she would welcome him with open arms if he would come to live with her.

The document charging the misappropriation says that from 1890 until 1912 inclusive the legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the use of the commission and that \$445,000 was turned over to Sickles. The unaccounted for portion is nearly \$23,000.

The complaint alleges that this deficit was converted to his own personal use. The state officials have made repeated demands for the return of the money and in July of last year \$5,000 was returned to the attorney general. Since that time no further payments were received.

## OFFICER SKEWES RECOVERS CRUTCH LOST BY CRIPPLE

Had Fallen Through Grating—Crotch Handle Umbrella Comes Into Play.

Many curious things have been chronicled in reference to what policemen have been requested and compelled to do in the performance of their duties, but the latest freak in that line was performed early Saturday morning.

The hero in this instance was Officer Frank Skewes and a Western Union messenger boy.

A crippled young man in search of his sister, a stray, while walking along Ohio street stepped on the grating in front of the Postal Telegraph office with one of his crutches which slipped down into the basement.

On his cork substitute for a leg and the remaining crutch he made his way slowly and laboriously to police headquarters and there told of his misfortune.

Officer Skewes was detailed to regain possession of the crutch.

No way, either through a coal hole or steps, was found and the messenger boy was instructed to get a curved handle umbrella.

Fishing with this the upper portion of the crutch was caught in the crook of the handle and then raised to the grating.

It was then found impossible to pass the two objects through the narrow crevice at right angles.

Here the small hand and wrist of the messenger boy came into good play. He managed to squeeze his hand through the grating and catch hold of the crutch and then draw it slowly through by a tight squeeze.

## LEEVE BREAKS WATER FLOODING RICH DELTA LAND

Torrent of Water 200 Feet Wide Rushing Through Break In-undating Lowlands.

### MANY FAMILIES ARE MAROONED

People Camped On House-tops Awaiting Rescue; No Lives Are Lost.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 25.—A torrent of water 200 feet wide tonight is rushing through a crevice in the Beulah levee, about 100 miles north of here on the banks of the Mississippi and the water is rapidly inundating the lowlands, destroying crops and forcing hundreds of families to highlands.

A crevice at this place last spring, when the river was higher, flooded 1,221 miles and the engineers of the flood estimate that before the flood recedes 1,000 square miles of plantations will be inundated.

Five hundred men are working day and night to save property.

The ends of the break are widening and the rushing water is causing the levee to crumble.

There were many anonymous reports concerning the levee at Sitter's landing, where the levee work was damaged by recent heavy rains.

Up to a late hour no lives were lost.

## BEULAH LEEVE BREAKS MANY PEOPLE MAROONED.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—A half million acres of delta land, the richest in the Mississippi valley will be under many feet of water in 80 hours engineers say as the result of the break in the main levee near Beulah. Hundreds of families, mostly negroes are marooned on house-tops and lots of barns. The gap is 1,000 feet wide and the water is coming in at a rapid pace.

## HIGHER WATER IN MISSISSIPPI

Weather Bureau Reports 18-foot Stage for New Orleans by Feb. 10th.

Washington, Jan. 25th.—Higher water along the Mississippi river and its tributaries within the next fortnight is predicted by the Mississippi and its tributaries by the weather bureau tonight.

With the water now in sight in the Mississippi the report says a stage of about 18 feet is indicated for New Orleans by Feb. 10.

The following warning has been issued for smaller towns:

For a flood stage in the lower Illinois in the next 24 hours; for a flood stage of 43 feet in the Tennessee river at Clarksville, Tenn., within the next 24 or 36 hours; for a flood stage in the White river at Newport, Ark., within the next 48 hrs. for a flood stage of 39 feet stage in the Tombigbee river at Thopmopolis, Ala., in about 3 days.

### WIFE BEFORE CONSTITUTION.

New York, Jan. 25.—James Carmack, who said he had been in this country ten years appeared before Judge Cary in Jersey City today for naturalization papers. Judge Cary said:

"What is the constitution—a man or a woman?"

The applicant replied: "A man."

The court then inquired: "Will you support the constitution?"

"No," was the decisive answer. "I am already supporting a woman."

Carmack didn't get his papers.

**BECKER'S CHAUFFEUR HELD.**  
Peterson, N. J., Jan. 5.—Ottor Avers, Charles Becker's chauffeur on the night Herman Rosenthal was murdered in New York, is under arrest here with two companions pending an investigation into the death of Louis Payne, a farmer. Payne was found dead on a road recently after a collision between his wagon and an automobile.

## NEW BUILDING FOR THE I. C. IS NEARLY COMPLETE

Freight House on Fourteenth Street Ready for Occupancy in Two Weeks.

### OTHER LOCAL BUILDING NEWS

Two Other Structures That Are Handsome Additions to Cairo's Streets.

The Illinois Central's new \$50,000 freight house and offices will be completed within the next two weeks if no unforeseen complications interfere. The freight house occupies the two blocks between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets on Commercial avenue.

The building is of brick with a concrete foundation, the dimensions being 40x382 feet. Every modern convenience has been installed in the building especial regard being given to conveniences that will facilitate the handling of large quantities of freight.

Exactly one half of the building is two stories in height, this portion being fitted up for the offices of the freight department. Plenty of light and fresh air are the most important embodiments of comfort for the employees many windows being on both sides of the building.

The George W. Stiles Construction company has the contract for the construction of the new freight house and they started work on the structure a little over three months ago. Record time on the work is due to the excellent weather conditions that have prevailed during that time. The plumbing, heating and electric wiring have been executed by private contract.

The freight yards adjoining the building on the east side have been graded and leveled to correspond to the levee slope on Fourteenth street and they have a so been paved with brick.

When the new structure is completed Agent Ladd and his force will remove into the new building and the old stone depot which is now occupied and which has stood for many years will be abandoned and torn down.

### Other New Buildings.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new Episcopal parish house in the rear of the main church building on Sixth street. The brick walls are up on both sides to almost the required height. Carpenters are busy putting in the woodwork on the first and second floors. Wm. Schatz has the contract.

Some idea of the handsome appearance of the First Bank and Trust company's magnificent new home at the corner of Eighth and Washington avenue may now be gained since Contractor Ferguson has begun the laying of the terra cotta trimmings and the white enamel brick that will enhance the ornate appearance of the exterior of the new structure. The corner entrance has been outlined with the brick and terra cotta molds and the finished appearance when the same is on the entire outside of the structure make a most beautiful job of construction.

### JONES WEARS THE SMILE THAT WON'T COME OFF.

Fred Jones, of 330 Thirty-third street, "wears the smile that won't come off" as the result of the arrival Saturday noon at his home of a 11 pound girl.

This last arrival makes the third girl in the family with no baby brother nuisances.

### OFFICER HARRY JONES ON A SECRET MISSION.

Special Officer Harry Jones left last night for a trip north involving a secret mission which to give the particulars now would, perhaps, defeat the ends of justice.

Officer Jones will return this morning, either with, or without a prisoner.

### COTTON BELT TRAINS ABANDONED BY WATERS.

There will be no Cotton Belt trains either in or out of Cairo to-day and not until the river recedes sufficiently on the opposite Missouri shore to permit a resumption of traffic.

## OHIO RIVER WILL PROBABLY BEGIN TO FALL BY EVE

Waters Show Tendency to Come to Stand With Inclination to Fall.

### WILL BE GLADLY WELCOMED

Traffic Between Mound City and Mounds Resumed By Inter-urban Trains.

Stage of River.  
Saturday, 2 a. m. .... 48.75  
Saturday, 4 p. m. .... 48.80  
Saturday, 12 p. m. .... 48.85  
Sunday, 3 a. m. .... 48.85  
ON A STAND.

The Ohio river, according to the prediction made in The Bulletin of Saturday morning, will have to climb the gauge at an unprecedented rate in order to reach a stage of 49.3 by 3:00 o'clock this afternoon, as the tendency of the river all day Saturday and last night up to 3:00 o'clock this morning showed a tendency to come to a stand, particularly this morning, when the waters indicated a recessionary inclination.

The readings above were taken very carefully in fractions and the wash of the river was prevented by placing a board in front of the gauge, holding it there to prevent the swell while the readings were taken.

According to this, if there is no rain and indications point to clear skies, the river should come to a stand at 7:00 this morning, if not a strong tendency to declining.

Evidence of a decline will be gladly welcomed in all quarters, not so much on account of Cairo at present as it would take more than a three foot additional rise to greatly excite people, but on account of the possible injury to Missouri and Kentucky farm lands, which would not usually result if the river would continue rising until a 50-foot stage was reached.

A peculiar thing in reference to the stoppage of the Interurban trains between Mound City and Mounds Friday, and the resumption of traffic a few hours later is one that cannot be accounted for by Superintendent Crossley.

Friday evening six inches or more of water covered the tracks but Mr. Crossley kept the cars running in order that the people could return home at 6 p. m., the traffic then being abandoned.

Saturday morning it was discovered that this back water over the tracks had lowered until there was only an inch over the rails and traffic was again resumed.

Superintendent Crossley is now wondering what became of the water. Not that he cares to have it return, but just for knowledge sake he wants to learn some of the peculiarities of high waters. He'll become better acquainted with erratic methods if he remains on the borders of the Ohio many years and then when he thinks, like many river men who have made an exhaustive study of the rivers for years, that he knows it all, will suddenly with disgust at the manifestation of some freak, conclude that neither he nor anybody else knows a single blessed thing about them.

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FALSE CAIRO REPORTS OF FLOOD CONDITIONS**

The Bulletin in nowise is responsible for the stories appearing in the columns of the St. Louis and Memphis press relative to a alleged flood conditions in Mississippi county Missouri.

A gentleman who returned last evening from a trip over the county which occupied several days state that these reports are erroneous and that there is very little foundation for the statements emanating from irresponsible sources based solely on hearsay and not on personal observation.

These reports are merely sent on in order that the Cairo correspondents, who are not connected with The Bulletin in any capacity simply for the purpose of making a big "string" and the money that will accrue to them as a result.

## ALL PREPARED TO FILE PETITIONS IN WALL'S COURT

More Signatures Obtained to Petition Asking Election Than Law Requires.

### MONDAY WILL BE THE DAY

Prominent Cairo Gentlemen in Interviews Express Favorable Opinions.

Monday the petitions praying that the question of a commission form of government be submitted to the voters of Cairo at an election will be presented to Judge Wall, in the absence of Judge Dewey.

The petitions yesterday afternoon had been signed by a number far in excess of the law's requirements.

The statutes governing the calling of the election for this purpose says that the county judge shall order an election within sixty days and not less than ten days after the petitions have been filed.

In order to save expense attendant upon a special election in the city it may be that Judge Wall will make his order for this election so it will be held on Tuesday, February 25, when the voters are to act on the \$100,000 bond issue.

Each of these questions will be voted upon separately and not in any way tied together or made a part of each other.

There is no question but what the bond issue will carry by an overwhelming majority, probably less than 100 votes being cast against the issue and as the advocates of the commission form of government are nearly in favor of the bond matter there is no necessity for fogging either issue by injecting their respective merits into the campaign.

The advocates have, since they claim that the commission form of government is an ideal one, concluded to make the campaign one of education, believing that an appeal to reason, instead of prejudice, will best subserve the interests of a business municipal government as exemplified in the commission form.

With this idea in view 4,000 or 5,000 copies of the law, its operation and application to the commission form of municipal government will be printed and distributed in every home in Cairo.

These pamphlets will thus be placed in every voter's hands, making of him a militant and perfect unit in a grand organization.

The more one reads and studies the law and its application, the greater grows the students' admiration for its principles, as there is no "joker" concealed anywhere.

In addition, there will be brought to Cairo several speakers from Illinois cities who have adopted the commission form of government with extremely gratifying results.

These speakers have written volunteering their services in the interest of progressiveness and good government as embodied in the commission form.

These speakers will expound the law thoroughly, explain its working and great benefits accruing therefrom.

The Bulletin herewith publishes the result of a few interviews held yesterday afternoon with several prominent Cairo gentlemen who have attached their names to the petitions.

These interviews are authoritative and permission was granted to reproduce them.

The Bulletin has many more, but lack of space prevents giving publicity this morning, but they will follow in rapid succession.

T. C. Clendenen, superintendent of schools, said:

"I certainly believe the commission form of government would be a good thing for Cairo. Its main feature, in fact the strongest argument in its favor is that it fixes responsibility. The present system 'does not.' Mr. Clendenen said that the commission form now being exercised in the government of a city of Illinois had recently unearthed a graft scandal that had existed under the old system and that had started in the regime of a

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